



## **Open Space Committee**

Date: Thurs, January 23, 2020

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Town Hall Annex, First floor conference room  
730 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA

### **Minutes**

Attendance: Ann LeRoy, David White, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Brian Kelder, Wendy Richter, Emily Sullivan,

Members Absent: John Pickle, Shirley Canniff, Teresa DeBenedictis.

Guest: Leslie Mayer, Community Preservation Act Committee

1. Review/approve minutes from 12/12/2019
  - a. The minutes from 12/12/2019 were reviewed and revisions discussed. Elisabeth Carr-Jones moved to approve the minutes as revised, Brian Kelder seconded, all were in favor, motion approved.
2. CPA Application for Open Space and Recreation Plan Update
  - a. Leslie Mayer from the CPA Committee reviewed the next steps of the CPA application process. Members from the Open Space Committee (OSC) will present the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) application to the CPA Committee on Wednesday, 2/5/2020.
  - b. The CPA Committee supports this application, though believes that the funding request of \$20,000 is too low. The CPA Committee requested that the OSC do more research on an appropriate budget for updating the OSRP with a consultant. The CPA Committee supports a higher funding allocation if it would relieve the OSC of significant volunteer work. OSC members will check with other towns about their OSRP consultants and budgets in preparation for the 2/5 meeting.
3. OSC Administration/Communications
  - a. The Committee discussed its annual funding request to the Finance Committee. The Committee initially planned to request \$500 for FY2021. The Committee received \$300 in FY2020. After more discussion with the Department of Planning and Community Development, the Committee agreed that a request of \$300 for FY2021 was sufficient. David White motioned to amend the FY2021 funding request from \$500 to \$300, Brian Kelder seconded, all were in favor, motion approved.

- b. Emily Sullivan confirmed that the Committee's annual report was submitted to the Town Manager's Department.
  - c. Brian Kelder stated that he had received more photos for the Experiencing Arlington webpage, and would work on updating the webpage once he had login access to the webpage.
  - d. Wendy Richter requested that Committee members send her more seasonal photos of Arlington open spaces so that she could post them on the Committee's Facebook group page. Emily Sullivan said she was working on a google drive for the Committee so that documents and photos were more easily accessible to Committee members.
  - e. Ann LeRoyer announced that the Arlington Land Trust will be updating its website, and that the website will link to the Committee's Take A Walk maps.
  - f. Elisabeth Carr-Jones reminded the Committee that the Town's Annual Survey was accepting responses through 2/29/2020. Soon after the survey closes, Envision Arlington will send the OSC the results for the open space questions.
  - g. David White updated the Committee on the 840 Emerson Gardens Road Balanced Housing Proposal in Lexington. The proposal is adjacent to the Arlington's Great Meadows and many groups are advocating that public access and parking be maintained in the proposal's design.
  - h. Ann LeRoyer updated the Committee on the 40B Thorndike Place (Mugar land) proposal in Arlington. The Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled the next hearing for 4/14/2020.
4. CPA projects
- a. Emily Sullivan updated the Committee that the Reservoir Master Plan, Phase 2 Project, Minuteman Bikeway study, and the Wellington Park project were also presenting to the CPA Committee on 2/5/2020.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Emily Sullivan